



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Long		
PROJECT LOCATION	Sections 36, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, MDB&M; Millerton Lake East California 7.5 minute quadrangle	COUNTY	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Long project is located in Eastern Fresno County adjacent to Auberry, CA and lies at 1800' to 2500' elevation. Vegetation is representative of the Foothill Woodland plant community associated with the south central Sierra Nevada Mountains. The overstory is dominated by Foothill pines and oaks. The understory is dominated by ceanothus, buckeye, and poison oak. The project will provide for the landowners water conservation and fuels reduction goals while providing CAL FIRE Fresno Kings Unit a location to hold a B faller certification class. Foothill pines up to 24 inches DBH will be selectively felled based on spacing, tree health, and proximity to springs, roads, and infrastructure. Trees will be felled to conserve water throughout the property, and to reduce the potential for crown fire spread. Incidental piles may be created at the landowners request, but is not a project parameter. The project area is a 240 acre parcel. Project activities will occur on significantly less acreage as steep rocky slopes are abundant throughout the ownership.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 15304 Minor
Alteration to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

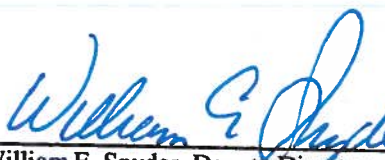
This project is exempt under CEQA Categorical Exemption 15304 Minor Alterations to Land. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Fresno Kings Unit Headquarters (Attention: Environmental Coordinator) in Sanger, CA. This project as proposed shall not have a significant impact on the environment.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 1/24/13
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